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The three-story, block long headquarters office building of Fannie Mae, at 3900 Wisconsin Ave. N.W.

## Fannie Mae May Come To Waterfront

The Multi-BILLION dollar home financing company Fannie Mae has told the SW/SE ANC6D it hopes to lease 2/3 of the office space of the Kaempfer Co.'s proposed Waterfront development at 4th St. S.W. and M St. S.W.

Fannie Mae (the Federal National Mortgage Association) has headquarters at 3900 Wisconsin Ave. N. W. and has 4,800 employees at 60 locations nationwide.

Fortune Magazine listed Fannie Mae among the Best Companies to Work for

in America and gave it a #1 rank of the 50 Best Companies for Minorities."

Recently Fannie Mae was honored for the 38,000 local volunteer hours by its employees in the Greater Washington region in 2003.

A letter to the S.W. community from Forest City, Kaempfer and Bresler & Reiner stated that the three and Fannie Mae had signed "a letter of intent to pursue the possibility of Fannie Mae leasing a significant portion of new buildings to be developed on the site."

## Fannie Mae: "Good Money To Drive Out the Bad"

Fannie Mae CEO Franklin D. Raines says his strategy is to work with "good lenders to bring good money, good loans, and good information into underserved neighborhoods to help drive out and replace the bad."

"We are using the power of \$2 trillion to drive out the predatory lending, and replace it with safe, low-cost capital," says Raines.

**MINORITY HOME OWNER-SHIP** An example of Fannie Mae bringing "good information to underserved neighbor-

hoods," is a free home buying seminar being co-sponsored by Fannie Mae Sat.

May 22 at the DC Housing Finance Agency, 815 Florida Ave., NW from 10 am to 2 pm. Free credit checks, the home buying process, and "first time homebuyer" special programs are included in the seminar.

Free copies of the pamphlets on Your Credit and on A Home of Your Own can be obtained by phoning toll free 1-800-688-4663.



Franklin D. Raines, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fannie Mae

## SWNA Mon. May 24: Public Schools In SW

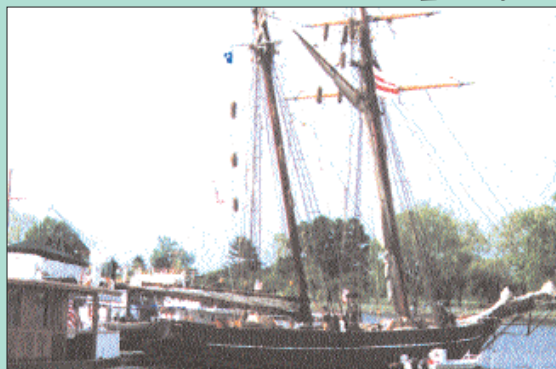
Sixth Ward Council Member Sharon Ambrose is the key speaker at the monthly public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Mon. May 24 from 7:30 pm to 9 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd &

M St. S.W.

Principals from the three schools have been invited – Jefferson, Jr. High, and Anthony Bowen and Margaret Amidon Elementary Schools.

Students from Van Ness Elementary School will perform.

## Amistad On Display



Above: the U. S. Navy Color Guard welcomed the "Freedom Ship Amistad" to the Southwest waterfront. Left: the Amistad docks at Gangplank Marina for public tours.

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## AARP Boat Cruise Wed. June 16, 11-2

The annual Spirit of Washington luncheon boat cruise of the Southwest Waterfront chapter 4751 of AARP will be held Wed. June 16 from 11 am to 2:30pm.

Boarding is at 6th and Water St. S.W.

The \$35 charge was due before this issue of the Southwester comes out, but Alberta White, Coordinator (202-554-5503) would know of any cancellations.

## Sign Up For Drive Alive May 26, 27

AARP's defensive driving class will be held Wed. and Thurs. May 26, 27 from 10 am to 1 pm in the SWNA office in Waterfront Mall, 401 M St. S.W. (former video store next to Harry's).

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## Southwest Community Calendar May 2 - June 30 2004

### MONTHLY

**Thurs. May 20** NARFE SW Library, St. Wesley Pl SW 12:30 pm

**Thurs. May 20** PSA 104 safety meeting, Waterside Towers Community Room, 907 6th St. S.W., 7 pm

**Thurs. May 20** Chamber Music Concert, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave. S.W. 7:30 pm

**Mon. May 24** Monthly public meeting of SWNA, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St. S.W., 7:30 pm – 9 pm. (554-8560)

**Wed., Thurs. May 26, 27** AARP Drive Alive course at SWNA Office (former video store) Waterfront Mall, 401 M St. S.W., 10am-1pm

**Mon. June 1** Police Citizens Advisory Council public meeting, 415 4th St. S.W. 7 pm

**Tues. June 2** Labyrinth Walk, Westminster Presb. Ch., 4th & I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm (484-7700)

**Sat. June 12** Collage Art workshop, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th St. S.W. & Maine Ave. S.W., 1 pm – 4 pm

**Mon. June 14**, Advisory Neighborhood Commission monthly meeting open to public view, 65 I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm – 10 pm (554-1795)

**Wed. June 16** AARP Boat Cruise, Spirit of Washington, 6th & Water St. S.W. 11 am – 2:30 pm

**Sat. June 19** Third Sat. Breakfast, \$5, Christ United Methodist Church, I (Eye) St. S.W. & Wesley Pl., (entrance across from library) 9 am – 11 am

**Mon. June 24** Monthly public meeting of SWNA, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St. S.W., 7:30 pm – 9 pm.

### WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

**Komen Toastmasters** - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

**Fil-Am Toastmasters** - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm

**School St. Toastmasters** - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 88 - noon

**Collector's Club Stamps** - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm (202-291-62290)

**S.W. Kiwanis** - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**S.W. Citizens Patrol with Officer Kenny Daniels** - 4th & M St. S.W., Safeway parking lot, every Tues. At 7 pm

**New Southwest Toastmasters** - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by **Wed. June 2**

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## Hidden Resources

(Third in a series)  
by Saadia Athias

At 4th and C St. S.W. is a McDonald's Restaurant open until 10 pm.

Next door to McDonalds at 400 C St. S.W. is the Photos Plus camera shop, which now develops your digital camera photos as well their regular one-hour service. (Ed. Note: The Southwester has used Photos Plus for our photos for several years, with excellent results).

Also on C St. are an M & T Bank, Metro Optical, a liquor store, CVS and Wall Street Deli. In the middle of the block is a new Quiznos restaurant with toasted subs and delicious soups – open seven days a week.

The Holiday Inn at 6th and C S.W. has two restaurants and a happy hour lounge with live entertainment on some Friday Nights. You can grab nice inexpensive fruits and salads to go in their lobby café.



Capital Park Towers, 201 I St. S.W. has sold and renovated with the assistance of Fannie Mae.

## Fannie Mae Refinanced S.W. Apartments

As reported in The Southwester in Feb. 2003, Fannie Mae provided \$51 million for the \$70 million renovation of 648 units of the three Capital Park high rise apartment buildings on G St. S.W. and I (Eye) St. S.W.

Media releases from Fannie Mae at the time stated the goal of keeping the buildings on the rental market and producing "at least 422 units of "quality affordable rental housing" for "working households with incomes ranging from the upper \$20,000 to the lower \$50,000." Rents in

the \$800s for studios would compare with market rents for similar apartments in the high \$900s and two bedroom apartments would be \$1,100 compared with market rents of \$1,600.

The District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency, which contributed \$11.5 million in taxable bonds for the refinancing, was quoted as saying, "We are committed to ensuring low income individuals can stay in their current neighborhoods and still have safe, affordable places to live."

**Deadline for submissions for next month's Southwester: Wednesday, June 2**

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# River Park Friends, Inc., Summary

Grants from River Park Friends, Inc., to several S.W. programs were reported on at its annual meeting recently.

Thelma Jones described the Safe Sitter Program; Leah Dower reported on Living Classroom Foundation; Meredith Young told of City Gate; Emma Ward told of the grant she received at Emma US Learning Center; Barbara Murray reported on the S.W. Scholarship Fund; Alvin Hudgens reported on the Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club #4; Dale MacIver told of the support given to The Southwester; Russ Williams reported on Apple Tree Institute and Skip Coburn told of the First District Police Citizens Advisory Council use of River Park Friends funds.

In its first five years, River Park Friends has made grants of \$30,000, funneling dozens of donations it receives each year from S.W. neighbors to non-profit programs in Southwest. Donations can be mailed and groups can apply for funds year-round by letter to River Park Friends, c/o Dr. Coralie Farlee, President, 389 O St. S.W. For information, call her at 202-554-4407.



River Park Friends board members in attendance were: (left to right) Lenore Moragne, Coralie Farlee, Keith Melder, Betsy Hobby and C.W. Hargrave. Not present were board members Margaret Feldman and Carlos Beudreau.



Meredith Young



Thelma Jones



Leah Dower



Dale MacIver



Alvin Hudgens



Skip Coburn



Emma Ward

## Walking Tours Feature FDR, Eleanor

President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor will be featured in two walking tours in Washington, D.C. this summer.

"In Fala's Footsteps" will tell children about the Roosevelt presidency through the eyes of FDR's Scottish terrier "Fala."

"Eleanor Roosevelt's Washington" will combine short walks with transport by minibus and conclude with a guided tour of the FDR Memorial in West Potomac Park.

Both tours are presented by Washington Walks and run from

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. "Eleanor Roosevelt's Washington" is \$25 per person (\$20 for seniors) and departs from the Dupont Circle Metro stop (Q St. Exit). "In Fala's Footsteps" costs \$10 for adults, \$5 for children age 12 and under, with under 3 free. Meet near the bookstore at the FDR Memorial. No reservations are necessary. Tours are given rain or shine.

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(Please note, available properties for sale, are subject to change on a daily basis)

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# Neighborhood Happenings



## Clockwise from above:

Bowen Elementary School cheerleaders; Volunteers spent a Saturday landscaping and planting flowers at Amidon Elementary School; Starting at 4th St. S.W. and I (Eye) St. S.W., this group joined with hundreds of thousands of marchers in the March for Women's Lives; Pictured are a few booths of the block and a half Amidon yard sale stretching along 4th St. S.W. from I St. S.W. to G St. SW and along G St.



## Collage Art Workshop at St. Augustine's

Southwest collage artist Annie King Phillips will conduct a workshop on creating collage art at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Maine Ave. S.W. at 6th St. S.W. on Sat. June 12 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

"One of the best ways to enrich our spiritual lives is by sharing personal stories," says Ms. Phillips. At the workshop she will show collages that express her lifetime experiences as a native of D.C., and the impact of art on her life and "the power of art to communicate life-changing grace."

Materials will be provided for a "hands-on experience in creativity."

Registration - before June 9 - is \$10. Phone Ms. Phillips at 202-488-7248 or email the Interim Rector, Barbara J. Clarke: bjclarke@comcast.net.



Artist Annie King Phillips specializes in collages (such as this) made from colored paper.

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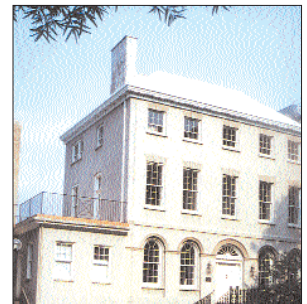
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## Briefly... in Southwest DC

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Cocktails, beer and wine are also on the menu now at both lunch and dinner.

### SW Resident New Press Club Prexy

Sheila R. Cherry, a resident of River-side Condominium, is the first African-American president of the National Press Club.

A member of the 4,000-member club since 1994, Ms. Cherry is a graduate of the University of Maryland and has a Master of Fine Arts Degree from Johns Hopkins University. Having worked in the legal writing field for 10 years and written articles for such newspapers as the Greenbelt Review and The Washington Post, Ms. Cherry continues to freelance with magazines and newspapers.

### Arena Stage Wins Top Honors

Eight of the prestigious Helen Hayes Awards went to Arena Stage this year.

### Van Ness To Close June 30

Van Ness Elementary School at 5th and M St. S.E. will close on June 30. This school has served primarily the families in the Capper Housing Complex, which has already been torn down in part to make way for the new Marine Corps barracks, Marine Band building and Hope Six mixed-use, mixed-income development in that area.

Many families have been relocated in the James Creek and Greenleaf Gardens public housing complexes in Southwest. Children will be attending Amidon and Bowen Elementary Schools in Southwest. Jefferson Jr. High on 7th St. S.W. has served the Van Ness graduates before and will continue to do so.

## Announcing Arena Stage's 2004/2005 season!

### *m. butterfly*

by David Henry Hwang / directed by Tazewell Thompson / September 3 through October 12, 2004 / in the Fichandler  
A Tony Award winner for Best Play, *M. Butterfly* is a revelation—a work of art that explores the complexity of love and challenges the thresholds of human compassion and intimacy.

### *anna in the tropics*

by Nilo Cruz / directed by Jo Bonney / October 1 through November 21, 2004 / in the Kreeger  
Nilo Cruz received the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for this arresting tale of passion and desire, earning distinction as one of the most exciting and fresh voices in American theater today.

### *the importance of being earnest*

by Oscar Wilde / directed by Everett Quinton / November 12 through December 26, 2004 / in the Fichandler  
Filled with romantic entanglements only the sharp wit of Oscar Wilde could suitably devise and resolve, *The Importance of Being Earnest* is a classically charming, verbally stunning, riotously funny masterpiece.

### *hallelujah, baby!*

book by Arthur Laurents / music by Jule Styne / lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green / directed by Arthur Laurents / a co-production with George Street Playhouse / December 10, 2004 through February 13, 2005 / in the Kreeger  
Rarely have such eminent and celebrated American musical theater artists collaborated so magically as on this lively musical tour through history. Arena Stage is proud to welcome Arthur Laurents—truly a living legend—to direct this Tony Award winning musical.

### *intimations for saxophone*

by Sophie Treadwell / adapted by Michael Kinghorn / directed by Anne Bogart / January 21 through February 27, 2005 / in the Fichandler  
The Jazz Age's prosperity and prohibition set the stage for *Intimations for Saxophone*, a newly discovered and never-produced jewel by celebrated writer Sophie Treadwell.

### *the goat or who is sylvia?*

by Edward Albee / directed by Wendy C. Goldberg / March 4 through April 17, 2005 / in the Kreeger  
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### *the piano lesson*

by August Wilson / directed by Seret Scott / April 1 through May 15, 2005 / in the Fichandler  
Marking his second Pulitzer Prize, August Wilson's elegant tale reveals a family struggling to honor its painful past while venturing towards a more promising future.

### *anna christie*

by Eugene O'Neill / directed by Molly Smith / May 6 through June 19, 2005 / in the Kreeger  
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## Brazil, Graham At SWNA In April

Both Council Members Harold Brazil and Jim Graham spoke at the April public meeting of the Southwest Neighbor Assembly.

### MAYOR'S BUDGET

The Mayor's budget for FY '05 (Oct. 1, 2004-Sep. 30, 2005) was the main topic of discussion.

Council Member Harold Brazil preferred a 6% increase, rather than the Mayor's proposed 9% increase. Mr. Brazil also opposed three tax and fee increases; a health-care providers' tax, an increase in the parking tax, and elimination of the tax exemption for out-of-district municipal bonds.

First Ward Council Member Jim Graham proposed increasing the tax on downtown parking garages from 12% to 15%. he criticized the Mayor's proposed 26% increase in the budget for the city's Chief Financial Officer.

Noel Bravo, representing the Mayor's Office, distributed material listing "Critical New Investments" in Education, Public Safety, Health Care, Affordable Housing, and Job Training.

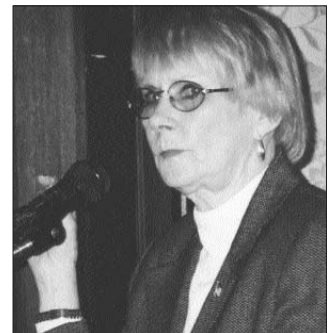
Mr. Bravo's handout showed that the three main sources of local funds are the local income tax (31%), property tax (27%), and sales tax (19%).



First Ward Council Member Jim Graham



At-Large Council Member Harold Brazil



Marge Francese represented Council Member Sharon Ambrose.

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### Tommy Wells At "Save Our Schools"



Board of Education member Tommy Wells answered questions at a meeting of "Save Our Schools" in S.W.

Tommy Wells, the Board of Education member elected from the 6th Ward, which includes SW and Capital Hill, spoke at a meeting of the local Save Our Schools group, explaining the shortage of funds for school repairs.

A few students were asked to report on the meeting to The Southwester. For example, Andre Wilkinson reported: "My principal, (Ms. Holmes) said that she was at Jefferson for 42 years and we still didn't receive any air conditioners, bleachers for the gym, or new windows. The speaker [Mr. Wells] said that she would have to wait until she is on the top of the list."

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